

**Police & License Meeting  
October 5, 2021  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Chair, Councillor W. Cormier  
Mayor L. Boucher  
Councillor Mayor M. Farrell  
Councillor D. Roberts

S/Cst. J. Pellerin  
R. Peters, Dr. Risk Mgmt. St. FX University  
K. Proctor, P. Eng., Director, Public Works  
S/Cst. S. Smith  
**Sgt. W. McBeath, RCMP**

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
S. Scannell, Community Development, Acting CAO

**Also Present**

V. Barnett, Delegate  
Additional Delegates

**Regrets**

B. Fairhurst, St. FX External Affairs

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. The Chair indicated that Delegate B. Barnett was in attendance to address the Committee.

**Approval of Agenda**

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with additions.” Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 9 and July 13, 2021, Police & License Committee meeting.” Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes/Ongoing**

• Parking Meters/Ticketing Update

S. Scannell provided an update on the manner in which parking violations/parking tickets are now being addressed. He noted that the electronic ticketing system began the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. Approximately 740 tickets have been issued to date with the new system (majority at St. FX), with no issues to date.

The Chair provided comment on the new ticketing system with staff responding.

R. Peters provided comment on parking noting more students have vehicles this year and spoke to the processes used for tickets issued on campus. He noted more tickets were sold than parking spaces available.

Brief discussion took place.

- **Community Standards Bylaw (Update)**

The Chair spoke briefly on the plan in moving forward with the Community Standards Bylaw noting it will be coming forward in the future.

- **Lodging Home Bylaw (Update)**

The Chair provided comment on the requirement to register a lodging home and noted most are compliant. He further noted that the Town's Lodging Home Bylaw has moved the issue to the County where it has now been addressed as well.

Comments were made on the positive impact the Bylaw has made to date.

S. Scannell noted 105-110 applications have been made to date with no major issues.

Most inspections have taken place with follow-up required on some. Only a handful of inspections are still to be carried out.

It was noted that some realtors are making inquiries for clarity on behalf of clients.

S. Scannell noted that discussion on lodging homes is taking place with the University as well.

- **Crosswalk Lighting**

The Chair noted that one flashing light has been put in place. S. Scannell noted a few crosswalks had been identified for beacons, however it was discovered that some areas require(d) additional work for the installation of a beacon. The matter is ongoing.

Brief discussion took place.

### **Delegate Presentation**

V. Barnett took to the podium and thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak. He thanked the RCMP for their efforts over the weekend, but noted vehicles are back and speeding again this week. He stated that there are regulars, and that it is an every-day occurrence with speeding and driving through a stop sign. He further noted it is not just in his area but other areas of town.

V. Barnett noted he did call the RCMP, and although they responded the problem persists. He further noted that school buses also do not come to a complete stop at many stop signs. He suggested that the speed sign be placed in the Arbor Drive area.

V. Barnett provided comment on various other matters including the need for more RCMP members when students are in town, lack of patrols and response to speeders.

The Chair thanked V. Barnett for his comments. He questioned whether there were other routes that could be taken to curb speeders and spoke briefly to traffic calming.

Councillor D. Roberts spoke briefly to the existing speed sign and turned to S. Scannell for comment.

K. Proctor provided comment on potential traffic calming matters, noting the speed sign is likely more than 6 years old and is not working (will not charge), and suggested looking at other options.

He noted to tackle the issue of speeding you need community support, and the need to ensure that it doesn't push the issues elsewhere. He further noted assessments would be required in various areas, noting there is a classification for streets.

Brief discussion took place on existing calming measures in place.

The Chair referred to the Town Engineer, noting the RCMP can't be everywhere and that you can't make people obey stop signs, and questioned whether a recommendation should come from this Committee to address some issues.

K. Proctor provided comment noting basic guidelines need to be established including a planning process, and then looking at treatments. He noted not all treatments are successful.

S. Scannell suggested that rather than jumping to a treatment process, bringing forth a report with recommendations from staff should happen first.

K. Proctor provided comment and suggestions on issues and moving forward.

It was generally agreed that the Town look at one area in particular as a start, invest in an operable speeding sign,

"It was Moved and Seconded that staff bring forth a report and recommendation(s) forthwith to Council on the matter of traffic calming." Motion carried.

K. Proctor provided comment noting that there is a process and involves community involvement, budget considerations and other matters.

Committee members provided comment.

The Chair brought up the matter of open liquor, with Sgt. W. McBeath noting it is an issue this time of year and provided comment on the number of tickets issued related to open liquor this past weekend. He noted RCMP ticket when they have the opportunity.

### **New Business**

K. Proctor, P.Eng., addressed the committee on matters related to traffic calming.

### **Reports**

- By-Law Enforcement

S. Scannell noted many of the By-law related matters have previously been discussed. In the interest of keeping staff in the field, a laptop in the vehicle allows staff to spend more time in the field as opposed to being in the office.

- RCMP

- St. FX Homecoming

Sgt. W. McBeath expanded on the Homecoming Weekend, noting there were no 'official' Homecoming events. He provided comment on weekend events and acknowledged messages to the students from the University.

Sgt. W. McBeath reported on tickets issued and additional staff brought in over the weekend.

Sgt. W. McBeath noted that on the HR front 7 new members are cycling in and out with the full compliment being 22 (4 short at present) and provided details. He provided comment on additional resources and localized enforcement (October-November for full vehicle inspections). He spoke briefly to loud vehicles in addition to those previously identified.

In response to comments from Mayor L. Boucher, Sgt. W. McBeath provided comment on the efforts by the University, RCMP, hospital, landlords association and others that put a great deal of time and effort toward Homecoming.

Discussion took place with Sgt. W. McBeath responding to comments from Committee members.

The Chair provided comment on the Town's input to assist with options for students to do during Homecoming.

- St. FX University Representative

R. Peters provided comments noting most matters were previously discussed. He noted the University is hoping that with Phase 5 they hope to be able to host larger events. He provided comments on the positive of the support from the RCMP.

S/Cst. J. Pellerin spoke to an increase in damage to fire alarms.

Brief discussion took place on the local upcoming hockey season. R. Peters provided comment.

- St. FX Student Union (Unavailable)

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting date to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 PM.